UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: REEVES et al. Attorney Docket: GRI-101.0 'Serial No.: 09/701,132 (6433/80968) Filed: November 21, 2000 Based on PCT/AU99/00385 PCT Filed: May 29, 1999 Art Group: 1632 SEQUENCES FOR THE DETECTION For: OF ESCHERICHIA COLI Examiner: Carla J. Myers

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENTS Commissioner For Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

A three-month extension of time in response to the Official Action mailed November 30, 2004, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

- 1. Reply and Amendment;
- Search Report and Art;
- 3. PTO Form-1449;

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4. Check No. 093764 in the amount of \$100.00 for the added claims fee; and

5. Check No. 093763 in the amount of \$510.00 for the three-month extension of time (a response to the Official Action was due February 28, 2005).

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and its fee, along with a Reply and its enumerated attachments and added claims fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 27, 2005.

Edward P. Gamson